

Bilingual Weekly

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STOCKTON, CA – After a month of gallery preparation, 25 gallons of paint and handfuls of volunteers, The Mexican Heritage Center and Gallery (MHC) will be opening its doors to the public for the first time in their new location at 111 S. Sutter Street in downtown Stockton with the Día de Los Muertos opening reception Friday October 28, 2011 from 5:30-8:00 PM. The traditional blessing of the Altars at the center will take place on November 2, 2011.

The MHC opening night reception will include special presentation by Congressman Jerry McNerney , music by Luis Martinez, and Dance performance by reflections dance studio for a \$5 donation.

The November 2nd blessing of the Altars will begin with a walk from St. Mary's church to the MHC. Additionally, the evening will include the blessing and Aztec Dancers de Santa Marias at 6:00 PM and Morelia's Dance Group at 6:30.

"I am excited that we have so much participation with the youth and elders," Said Niki Smith the coordinator of the event. "We will have participation from LULAC youth, METCHA, and Weber Institute youth," not to mention, "We have a solid program that will have people entertained moved and educated"

The Altars will be up in the Gallery until November 18, 2011 for visitation.